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The burdens of the war are about to press with especial weight on the people, but the strength of the people's patriotism is equal to the heaviest necessary burdens that can be imposed. Every rational patriot knows and feels that the blessings of a free government are priceless.

The time is at hand, says an intelligent contemporary, when the people who value the Union will be called upon to "show their faith by their works" in preparing means to carry on the war. With the ordinary sources of revenue abridged by the national taxes—with nothing, compared to former periods, coming in from imports, sales of public lands, &c., the deficit has to be made up by old-fashioned downright taxation; and if our people are of the right stamp, so far as patriotism is concerned, they will not only contribute with willingness, but with eagerness, the means needed to crush that rebellion which is the direct source of all their troubles. And let all remember that it is out of their abundance—the fruits of years of peace and plenty, springing from good government—they are now called to contribute. In the very nature of the case the burden will fall upon those best able to bear it, upon those most indebted to the advantages afforded by the Union and its blessings in the past. The man who has nothing, in the way of property, will not be called upon to contribute at all; and of this class let us hope that the wealthier and the more numerous of them contribute their blood, possibly their lives, and be manhood if they then complain at being called upon to give of their substance merely.

Again, if there is anything in this world worth paying well for, it is a good government—the institutions under which the country has prospered in the past—the heritage we hope to leave to our children. Better give it over to the government that defends so nobly a heritage, the last dollar that might be reserved to your children, so that they are left free, with the same chances afforded in the future as in the past to run a noble career, than to leave them the wealth of a Crosses with the trapings of slaves. Better remand them to the scarcity encountered in the olden time by the settlers of Jamestown and Plymouth so that they leave a land torn asunder by anarchy or perishing under the blight and mildew of an irresponsible military despotism, such as recession would consign us to if its follies and crimes could be made to bear their legitimate fruits.

We hope, then, to see Congress come up boldly and patriotsically to the work which devolves upon it. Let it unhesitatingly take measures to sustain in full vigor the finances of the nation, and, by so doing, furnish the means to end, by the shortest process, the troubles which beset us. Men who take their lives in their hands, and who bear the hardships of a winter campaign, may well expect the amplest support from those who remain surrounded by the comforts of home.

And let the grumbler—if any there be—remember that even at the worst, we know little of that taxation which has an inseparable part of the systems in vogue in the old world crushed people in all past time there in the dust. Let them be glad, moreover, that the comparatively small contribution needed comes not, as it might have come, in the way of a "military contribution" or assessment upon a conquered city; not like the millions exacted from single cities like those of Italy, levied by the elder Napoleon, as the cost of subjugating them. We have had occasion recently to show what Richmond is enduring to-day, as the consequence of bad government; and but for that protection afforded us by the Government now depending upon us for aid, the case of Richmond might easily have been that of Louisville, whilst not a county in Kentucky could have escaped the fate of plunder and ruined Fairfax or London.

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The Frankfort Yeoman of the 14th inst. has at last manifested signs of life, it has received veritable news from Newcastle, York, and the middle-aged and elderly portion of its readers are probably some who have been writing to him, bearing the name of his son, who was then a boy, and who was highly successful in stirring up indignation and wrath both in Kentucky and North Carolina. The intervening vulgar fraction of a century has brought no change of the opinions and there expressed among men and things and events—but has rather confirmed and justified them. Much of what they may seem believably speculative conjecture or prediction has become an unchangeable part of American history as demonstrated and recorded fact. No one—the living not sooner than the dead—will now dare to retract or modify any of the statements ever made over the annexed signature, although in some instances a long period was given to the author of the same to be fully considered. Lieutenant Joubert is destroying the "Royal Yacht" at Galveston, under the guns of the Texan fleet, and of the Confederate vessel, the "Georgian." This is one of the greatest deeds of this war, and it makes the hearts of Kentuckians thrill in feeling that this brilliant achievement was the work of a son of their renowned Commonwealth. The old friends and admirers of Kentucky's greater artist, Matthew Joubert, who was known and recognized as one of the best men in the State, heartily rejoice in the integrity and loyalty of his descendants.

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